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FOL REPEAT OF DAMASCUS 0485 TO SECSTATE BERLIN ALEXANDRIA
CAIRO GENEVA JAN 28

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S E C R E T DAMASCUS 485

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SREF, SY, GE

SUBJ: ASYLUM REQUEST: MICHAEL KLUNDER

1. MICHAEL KLUNDER, SINGLE, EAST GERMAN NATIONAL
BORN DECEMBER 2, 1951 IN WEEK ON THE ISLAND OF RUGEN,
OCCUPATION MERCHANT SEAMAN, ARRIVED AT OUR CONSULAR
SECTION MORNING JAN 28, 1976 AND REQUESTED OUR
ARRANGING HIS ENTRY TO AMERICA.

2. KLUNDER HAS NO RPT NO TRAVEL DOCUMENT AS HE WAS
ON SHORE LEAVE FROM HIS SHIP, THE RUDOLF DIESEL, AN
EAST GERMAN VESSEL FROM ROSTOCK. SHIP IS OWNED BY
VED DEUTFRACHT/SEEREEDEREI OF ROSTOCK. THE SHIP IS
NOW IN TARTOUS AND ITS EXPECTED TO SAIL TO ALEXANDRIA
IN SIX OR SEVEN DAYS. KLUNDER IS AWOL AS OF TODAY
BUT WE BELIEVE NO RPT NOT FOREIGN AUTHORITIES AWARE
HIS SEEKING ASYLUM.

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3. KLUNDER STATES WISHES LIVE IN U.S. FOR PERSONAL

FREEDOM AND OPPORTUNITY AVAILABLE THERE. HE ALSO MENTIONED HE THINKING OF SOUTH AFRICA AS ALTERNATIVE. SAYS NO RELATIVES OR FRIENDS IN U.S. OR IN SOUTH AFRICA.

4. WE KNOW OF NO RPT NO PENDING CRIMINAL CHARGES.

5. KLUNDER STATES HE NEVER MEMBER OF COMMUNIST PARTY. HE IS, SINCE 1965, MEMBER OF FDJ, THE COMMUNIST YOUTH ORGANIZATION. HE STATES HE SERVED IN THE GDR VOLKSARMEE, NAVAL BRANCH, AS AN NCO FROM 1971, TO 1974, AND THAT HE NEVER LEFT GDR DURING THAT TIME.

6. KLUNDER IS WITHOUT ANY DOCUMENTATION AND THEREFORE WILL NOT BE ABLE REGISTER IN ANY HOTEL TONIGHT. DEPARTMENT SHOULD BE AWARE THAT HE HAS FUNDS ENOUGH ONLY FOR ONE OR TWO DAYS.

7. GIVEN ALEXANDRIA AS SHIP'S REPORTED NEXT PORT OF CALL, ADVISE IF UNHCR OFFICE STILL FUNCTIONING, \$ 8, :-849.

8. WE CONSIDER THAT SYRIAN AUTHORITIES, IF AWARE OF KLUNDER'S SITUATION, WOULD IMMEDIATELY INFORM GDR EMBASSY. KLUNDER IS NOW IN OUR CONSULAR SECTION AND WE WILL PERMIT HIM TO REMAIN THERE TILL DEPARTMENT'S REPLY RECEIVED. REQUEST NIACT PRECEDENCE REPLY. MURPHY UNQTE KISSINGER

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